

others at a Los Angeles Jewish community center, and less than two months ago in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania the murder of five people including an African American man, a Jewish woman, two Asian Americans and an Indian man. And these are just the incidents that made the headlines. We never even hear about the thousands of other hate crimes that, for whatever reason, go uncovered by the media or are not reported to law enforcement officials.

As elected leaders, it is incumbent upon us to set an example not just in expressing our outrage about these crimes, but by putting new teeth into our anti-hate crime law enforcement activities. The Hate Crimes Prevention Act would ensure that hate crime protections are extended to all Americans and would provide resources to local law enforcement agencies who must investigate and prosecute hate crimes in their communities. We must take this important step to send the message that no one should have to live in fear simply for being who they are.

In fact, we came very close the past two years to getting the Hate Crimes Protection Act enacted but could not in the face of Republican Leadership opposition. So, once again, I call upon them to drop their opposition and allow Hate Crimes Protection Act supporters to have the opportunity to make their case on the House floor and pass this critical legislation. Continued inaction is a disgrace to the memory of all hate crimes victims and to their families. It is also a disgrace upon us and who we are as a people.

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEST
POINT LAKE AND DAM IN TROUP
COUNTY, GEORGIA

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor today to recognize the West Point Dam and Lake Project in West Point, Georgia. On June 17, 2000, the U.S. Corps of Engineers will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the West Point Dam and Lake Project.

Construction of the West Point Dam and Lake Project was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1962, for the purposes of flood control, hydroelectric power, recreation, fish and wildlife development and downstream navigation. Later, water quality was added as an authorized project purpose. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began construction of the project in December 1965. Impoundment of the lake began in October of 1974, and the project was dedicated with a formal ceremony held at the dam on June 7, 1975.

West Point Project continues to provide substantial benefits to the region. It protects residences and businesses along the Chattahoochee River downstream from flooding, and provides low-cost electric power during periods of peak demand. It also provides a water source for downstream navigation along the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, Flint Rivers Waterway.

There are over 10,000 acres of intensively managed wildlife habitat on the lake, as well

as 38 public recreational areas for the outdoor enthusiast. The lake hosts an average of over 2 million visitors each year who come to enjoy multiple recreational opportunities such as camping, boating, picnicking, fishing, hunting, and more. It provides an enhanced quality of life to those who live on or near its shoreline.

West Point Project's 25-year history of public service is worthy of commemoration. It has been a pleasure to work closely with the citizens and authorities who keep West Point Lake and Dam Project in excellent condition.

The true spirit of public service and cooperation at West Point Lake is exemplified by the West Point Lake Task Force, chaired by Ken Manning and co-chaired by Dr. Art Holbrook and Dr. Harry McGinnis. The Task Force provides a vital, credible, and active avenue for constituents of the Seventh District to bring matters of concern to the attention of the Corps of Engineers. This group has also served our community by providing beneficial information to help as we strive to understand the complexities of this most valuable natural resource.

The cooperative spirit in which the Corps of Engineers works with our Task Force and with the local government, is exemplified by Eddie Sosebee in LaGrange, Colonel David Norwood in Mobile, Alabama, and Dr. Joseph Westphal, Assistant Secretary of the Army, in Washington, D.C.

HONORING THEODORE AND
MAXINE ALBERS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to honor Theodore and Maxine Albers for being recognized by the Mesa County Civic Forum for their lifetime of contributions to Mesa County. The Civic Forum's mission is to promote citizen influence regarding the important issues affecting Mesa County's quality of life through better understanding, objective, non-partisan dialogue, and support for citizen action. Without question, Theodore and Maxine have upheld this mission to its fullest extent and are distinguished role models that every citizen should seek to emulate.

Theodore and Maxine have a longstanding record of reaching out to the Grand Junction community. They have played an active role in numerous community organizations throughout their years as residents in the area. Together, they have worked in both the public and private sectors of the local economy and, most notably, have been extremely influential in the field of education, particularly at Mesa State College. In 1992, Mesa State College honored the couple by giving them the Distinguished Service Award, naming Albers Hall in their honor and forming the Albers Scholarship Fund as part of the Mesa State College Foundation.

The former President of Mesa State College from 1970-74, Theodore currently sits on the Mesa State College Board of Trustees and is an active member in such organizations as

Club 20 and the Lions Club. Maxine served with great distinction as a Mesa County Commissioner from 1974-1988 and today is a member of the Women's Foundation of the Colorado Advisory Council and the Mesa County Republican Women. These are but a hand-full of the literally dozens of community causes to which the Albers have dedicated their time and energies.

Mr. Speaker, the active role that the Albers have played in Grand Junction has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of our community. The Civic Forum plays a crucial role in the community and Theodore and Maxine Albers embody the ideals of service and sacrifice that this distinguished organization promotes.

For all these reasons, Mr. Speaker, the Albers eminently deserve the thanks and praise of this body. Colorado is clearly a better place for having known these outstanding Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOUGLAS
ISCOVITZ

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2000

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of Mr. Douglas Iscovitz, of Weston, Florida. I am very pleased to say that Douglas was recently named the Florida Principal of the Year by the Florida Association of Secondary Administrators and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

The selection process for this distinction is an arduous one. After having been nominated for the award, the first-round finalists must submit paper-work detailing school accomplishments; the principal's track record of dealing with students, staff, and the school; the principal's ability to solve academic and social problems; community involvement; and positive school climate. After closely examining his work, it is clear that Douglas' accomplishments exemplify the tenets espoused by the Florida Principal of the Year award.

As the Principal of Indian Ridge Middle School, Douglas has founded new programs and encouraged students to excel in existing growth fostering programs. In this sense he has taken a very active role in his school. His most meritorious program is the "Write On America!" project, a project in which students write to prominent people who have made significant contributions to the greatness of our nation. Requesting an autographed photo, inspiring messages, and words of advice, the "Write on America!" program has proven itself to be a wonderful way to teach Indian Ridge Middle School students about history and writing. It is clear that Douglas' efforts have made a lasting impression on those in the school and in the community as well.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Douglas Iscovitz for his extraordinary achievements and exemplary effort in bettering the Indian Ridge Middle School. It is truly an honor to be named the Florida Principal of the Year, and it is an honor for the residents of South